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From (Name) A.D.Crombie, Esq.,C.I.E.,I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector,

Post Box _____, (Station) ~~Bellary.~~,

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To

The SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

MADRAS.

Ref.A.1. *No.* ~~1094/41~~, *dated* ~~4th July~~ 19 41

Sir,

ADVANCES - Loans- Bellary District- Bellary & Siruguppa Taluks- Fasli 1350- Collection of Instalments- Postponement.

ENCLOSURES _____

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The collection of loans instalments for fasli 1350 fell due on 10-3-41 in Rayadrug, Kudligi, Harapanahalli, Hadagalli and Hospet taluks and on 10-4-41 in the remaining taluks. As at that time there did not appear to be strong reasons for the general postponement of the collection of loan instalments in the fasli, except in 12 villages of Bellary taluk and 20 villages of Siruguppa taluk, I ordered the collection of instalments in all the villages of the District except in the villages ~~xxxxx~~ referred to above. The Revenue Divisional Officers and the Tahsildars were asked to use ~~their~~ officer discretion and suspend repayment of loans instalments in individual cases, under Rule XXV of the General Rules, when from causes beyond the borrowers control such repayment becomes unduly burdensome; The Tahsildars of Siruguppa and Bellary were asked to submit detailed reports regarding the affected villages. A copy of my proceedings C.No.1094/41 dated 25-3-41 is enclosed.

2. Meanwhile, petitions for suspension of takkavi instalments relating to fasli 1350 were received from many parts of Bellary and Siruguppa taluks. There was a deputation also from the ryots of Bellary taluk led by S.i.B. Bhima Rao, M.L.A., on 23-5-41. All the petitions~~xx~~ were forwarded to the Revenue

Divisional Officer, Bellary for enquiry and further report. His report reached me only on 14-6-41 . Hence there was some delay in the submission of this report.

3. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Bellary reports that genuine attempts were made by the Tahsildars of Bellary and Siruguppa for collecting the loan instalments and that though they made scanty collections here and there, there is no prospect of collecting the instalments without undue hardship to the ryots. He has accordingly recommended the postponement of the collection of instalments to fasli 1351 for the entire Bellary and Siruguppa taluks and has adduced the following reasons.

4. Bellary Taluk:- This taluk is essentially rain-fed with no irrigation sources of any importance except five Hagari spring channels and two vanka channels. It was affected intermittently and relief was granted by way of either suspension or remission of land revenue in faslis 1336, 1338, 1340, 1341, 1344 1346 and 1347 and the collection of loan instalments were suspended for about 17 years. Fasli 1347 was a famine year, and full remission of Land Revenue was granted for all the villages of this taluk during this fasli. Fasli 1348 was a normal year, and the collection of loan instalments in this fasli which were not collected for more than 16 years was ordered but concessions were shown even in this fasli to poorer ryots by suspending the collection of loan instalments in the case of those who were paying land revenue of less than Rs.50/- in villages which were predominently black cotton soil and Rs.30/- which were predominently red soil. Again in fasli 1349, on account of adverse seasonal conditions, graded remissions of land revenue were granted in several villages and the collection of loan instalments for the entire taluk was suspended in G.O.No.2264 , Revenue, dated the 19th September 1940. The Tahsildar reports that fasli 1350 was in no way better than the last fasli and owing to inadequate rains in August and September 1940, the mungari crop did not yield a satisfactory outturn and the rain in October 1940 was not of

much benefit to this crop. November 1940 was a month of scanty rainfall, which failed to help the growth and development of the Hingari crops. Although the Hingari crop looked promising till the end of December 1940, it suddenly deteriorated in January 1941 on account of the prevalence of cloudy weather, and large tracts of white cholam and cotton were affected and the yield was below expectations. Proposals for granting remission in 12 villages of the taluk have been submitted with this office Ref.No.1590/41-A5 dated 26-4-41 and the orders of the Government are awaited. The crops in the remaining villages of the taluk, too, have not yielded well, but the Land Revenue concessions could not be extended to them, as the average outturn was either 6 annas or little more. The Tahsildar adds that in the villages in which he personally attended to the collection of loans arrears, he could see nothing with the ryots except a bag or two of food grains, which yield fetch a very small sum. Moreover the yield of groundnut was poor, the price of the commodity has gone down considerably, and consequently the ryots have been deprived of a considerable portion of their income from land and the collection of loan instalments at this juncture has become unduly burdensome to the ryots.

Siruguppa Taluk:- This adjoins Bellary taluk and the conditions in this taluk have been similar to Bellary taluk in almost all respects, and the collection of instalments of loans were postponed year by year ever since their grant except in Siruguppa and Desanur villages in Fasli 1348 and in 44 villages in Fasli 1349. Please see G.O. No.P.1268, Revenue, dated 23-5-1939 and G.O.No.Ms.2264, Revenue, dated 19-9-40.

All except Desanur, Siruguppa, Ibhrampur and Kenchanaguddam villages are dry in this taluk and a major portion of it is black soil. The four excepted villages are irrigated by the Thungabhadra River channels, and of these Siruguppa and Desanur are the only big wet villages.

With the hope that he could collect the loans instalments in the rest of the villages, the Tahsildar, Siruguppa first recommended suspension of loans instalments for the 19 villages of

of Karur Firka and 1 village of Siruguppa firka; but subsequently many Mahajar petitions were received, and there was much agitation for relief by way of general suspension of the collection of loans instalments. He has since recommended the postponement for all the villages of the taluk.

Regarding the seasonal conditions, the Tahsildar reports that both the Mungari and Hingari crops did not fare so well as in the previous year, and they did not yield a normal crop on account of untimely rains. The concessions under B.S.O.14 could not be extended to the villages, as the average outturn was either 6 annas or a little more. On account of unfavourable weather locally called "Dhoma Raku" and a heavy unexpected rainfall early in the month of February 1941, the Principal crops, cotton and white cholam, were affected, with the result that the cotton crop was a failure and white cholam yielded an outturn below 4 annas. The only commercial crop, groundnut, which was raised on a large scale does not find a market even now and its price is too low to realise the expected income. The Tahsildar inspected the crops in most of the villages in his taluk, and has satisfied himself that the crop on the whole did not fare well.

Last year loans instalments were suspended in 42 villages and the collection was ordered in the remaining villages. The ryots had to pay also 12½% of the land revenue suspended in fasli 1347. The Tahsildar reports that the economic condition of the ryot is poor in his taluk, and in spite of his best efforts he was not able to collect any appreciable sum without undue hardship to the ryots.

6. The prevalance of plague in most of the villages of both Bellary and Siruguppa taluks has added to the bad condition of the ryot.

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7. The present seasonal conditions are also not very favourable. Rains have not yet set in and the prospect for sowing mungari crops this year are gloomy. It is not advisable that the ryots should exhaust their reserves towards the payment of the loans instalment and that land sales should be resorted to on a wide scale. There are still heavy land revenue arrears to be collected in both these taluks also.

8. From the above facts it can be seen that both these taluks did not have normal crops and that the economic condition of the ryots has deteriorated on account of plague and low prices. As the Revenue Divisional Officer reports that in spite of the best efforts of the Tahsildars they were not able to collect the dues and that ordering of collection would amount to summary recovery of the loans, which is likely to result in the sale of the secured lands I agree with the recommendation of the Revenue Divisional Officer.

9. I accordingly request that the Board may be pleased to move the Government to order the postponement of the collection of loan instalments to Fasli 1351 in all the villages of Bellary taluk and in all villages of the Siruguppa taluk, ~~xxxx

Copy of R.O.C.No.A-1/1094/41 dated25-3-41 of the Collector of Bellary.

Sub: Advances-Loans-Collections of instalments-Fasli 1350-Orders Passed.

Read again: 1. Hospet Sub Collector's Ref.C.No.1086/ 41,dated 11-3-41
2. Adoni Revenue Divisional officer's Ref.C.No.1087/41,dated 15-3-41
3. Bellary Revenue Divisional officer's Refce.No.1275/41B dated 16-3-41.

O r d e r:

The reports received from the Sub Collector,Hospet and the Revenue Divisional officers,Bellary and Adoni show that there are no adequate reasons for the general postponement of the collection of loan instalments relating to Fasli 1350, except in a few villages of the Bellar and Siruguppa Taluks. The common ground on which the suspension of the repayment of loan instalments is recommended, is the fall of prices of the commercial products Jaggery,cotton and groundnut. This cannot be considered as an adequate reason for wholesale suspension, as the market is subject to fluctuations and,moreover, the Collector learns that the prices of some of th ese products are rising at present. In the circumstances the Collector directs that the Revenue Divisional officers and Tahsildars should collect the loan instalments relating to fasli 1350 in all the villages noted below and they may suspend the repayment of loan instalments in individual cases under Rule XXV of the General Rules, where genuine the fear causes beyond the borrowers' control such repayment becomes undul burdensome.

(1) Bellary Taluk:

Bellary firka: Bisalahalli,Bevinahalli and Haddinggudi
Kuruporu firka: Kyadigihal,Mustyatta,Ganikihal,Nalludi,Badanahatti and Veerapur.

Kolur firka: Basavakode and Karichedu,

Moka firka: Vanenur

2)Siruguppa Taluk:

Siruguppa firka: K.Sugur.

Karurufirka: Karur,Darur,Sanavasapuram,Hagalur,H.Hosahalli,Talur, Ulur,Kothanur,M.Sugur,Kuriganur,Mylapur,Balakundi,Muda K.Belagal,Herahal,Upparahagohalli,Gonahal,Byrampuram and Budiguppa.

The Tahsildars,Siruguppa and Bellary have promised detailed report: arding the seasonal conditions,average outturn of crops,etc., in the

the villages recommended by them for postponement. They should submit them at once to enable this office to send its proposals to the Board Revenue, Madras.

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READ *ALSO* :—

S No. S 2085 From the Coll. of Bellary, No. ....., dated ..... 19.... Ref. A.I. No 1094/41 dy 4.7.41.

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Order / Resolution Ms. / Rout. No. ....., dated Ref S. 2085/41-1 dy. 12-7-1941.

Submitted to the Govt.

The Board submits the Collector's proposals.

3/ The financial effect of these proposals will be the postponement of the collection of a sum of Rs. 3,11,273 as shown below:-

Bellary Tk. Rs. 2,18,753.

Sirugupppa " " 92,520.

Total Rs. 3,11,273/-

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Abstract.

Advances - Loans - (Bellary) - Bellary and Sirugappa taluks except Sirugappa and Desanur villages - Fasli 1350 - Instalment - Postponement - Sanctioned.

Revenue Department.

G.O.No.Ms:1716 dated the 28th July 1941.

Read the following paper:-

From the Board of Revenue, Reference S.No.5205/41-1, dated 12th July 1941.

O R D E R:-

The proposal of the Board of Revenue that the collection of loan instalments due in fasli 1350 in the Bellary taluk and in all the villages of Sirugappa taluk except Sirugappa and Desanur should be postponed for one year is accepted.

2. Borrowers who wish to pay the current instalments in the current fasli will, however, be permitted to do so.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor).

A. R. C. Westlake,

Secretary to Government.

To

The Board of Revenue.
" Collector of Bellary.
" Finance Department.
" Accountant-General through Finance.
" Finance (W. & M.) Department.
" Director of Information and Special Press Adviser.

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NOTE FILE

Advances - Loans - Bellary District - Bellary and Sirugupppa Taluk - Fasli 1350 - collection of instalments - postponement.

S. S 205 - From the Collector of Bellary.
Ref. A.1 No. 1094/41 dy 4-7-41.

AS(LR+S).

The Coll. of Bellary has submitted proposals for the postponement of the collection of loan instalments to Fasli 1357 in all the villages of Bellary taluk and in all villages of Sirugupppa taluk except 1- Desanur and Sirugupppa ~~villages~~ the amount of principal and interest involved in the proposal of the Coll. is Rs. 3, 11, 273. ~~The coll. also submits the report of the R.D.O. Bellary on the matter.~~ In the circumstances reported by the collector, the proposals may be recommended to the Govt.

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The coller has made out a strong case for postponing collection of the loans instalments of Fasli 1350 to Fasli 1357 in all the villages of Bellary taluk and of Sirugupppa taluk except two. The

Govt. have recently accepted the Bd's proposal to sanction Remission of land revenue (file in circulation) under B&O Act in respect of 12 villages in the Bellary dt. In that connection the Collr. had stated that though the proposals related to 12 villages only the season had not been favourable on the remaining villages & that consequently Concessions under B&O Act could not be granted to them because the annawari was 6 annas above.

In recommending the postponement last year the Bd. referred to the investigation it was making into the character of the soils in the hope to repay the loans instalments which necessitated postponement year after year. The Bd. has since obtained sanction for the employment of a Spl. staff for this purpose The Spl. staff is now working

para 6 of the Act (P) & para 3 at p. 27 (P)

file not found.

The Collr's proposals may be recommended to the Govt

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The collector's report brings out that

(a) in Bellary Tk there was inadequate rain in Aug & Sept. but rains failed during weather in Jan affected the crop

(b) in Siruguppa Tk there were untimely rains; heavy & unexpected rainfall in Feb & April; that while chalam failed & groundnut finds

c). that some villages have been recommended for remission but that in all villages the yield has been just over 6 as

d) & that the ryots have nothing with them & that attempts to collect will only lead to sales of the seized lands.

The collector's report is clear & emphatic & it may be submitted to Govt & his proposals recommended

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To AS(LR & S)

Draft ordered. [By a mistake in circulation this paper appears to have gone to G.S. direct & was marked to AS.]

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G. O. No. MG. 1716 Rev. dy. 28-7-41

To AS (LR & S)

The G.O. cited above may be recorded.

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A.I. 1414 dt. 4.9.41

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Note:- Entries not required to be scored out.